



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION 4  
ATLANTA FEDERAL CENTER  
61 FORSYTH STREET  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303-8960

APR 12 2019

The Honorable Ronald DeSantis  
Governor of Florida  
400 South Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Dear Governor DeSantis:

The federally-recognized Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida (the Tribe) has requested revision of its authorization to administer its federally approved water quality standards program, which was granted on December 20, 1994, and amended on March 15, 2001, pursuant to Section 518 of the Clean Water Act. The current authorization is applicable to the Tribe's Federal Reservation and Miccosukee Reserve Area. The revision would add the following five tracts: the 2421-acre tract in Hendry County known as the Sherrod Ranch, the 2361-acre tract in Highlands County known as Cherry Cattle Ranch, the 302-acre tract in Miami-Dade County known as SEMA, the 214-acre tract Miami-Dade County known as Lambick and the 50-acre tract in Miami-Dade County known as Coral Way.

In accordance with 40 C.F.R. Section 131.8(c), the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency hereby provides notice of this amendment to the application and requests any comments that you may have regarding the Tribe's assertion of authority to regulate the quality of the reservation waters. The application contains the substance and basis of the Tribe's claims regarding authority to regulate reservation water quality as well as maps of the reservations. A copy of the amendment submitted by the Tribe can be found at <https://www.epa.gov/aboutepa/about-epa-region-4-southeast#r4-public-notice>.

A classified advertisement should appear on April 17, 2019 in the Miami Herald, Clewiston News, and Highlands News-Sun requesting comments on the Tribe's assertion of authority to regulate the quality of these waters. The advertisement directs that all comments be sent to Mr. Daryll Joyner at Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

To provide a timely review of this application, please submit your comments regarding the Tribe's assertion of authority, as described in the application, to the Water Quality Standards Section, Water Protection Division, Environmental Protection Agency, 61 Forsyth Street, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960, Attn: Ms. Eve Zimmerman within 30-days of receipt of this letter.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me (404) 562- 8357 or have a member of your staff contact Ms. Eve Zimmerman at (404) 562-9259.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "MSW", is positioned above the typed name of the signatory.

Mary S. Walker  
Acting Regional Administrator

cc: Mr. Noah Valenstein, Secretary FDEP  
Mr. Daryll Joyner, Program Administrator FDEP  
Mr. Drew Bartlett, Executive Director SFWMD